

SSK Chhava Centre: Creche Services for children of working mothers.

In the Budget 2021-22, Delhi Government announced a new initiative called 'Saheli Samanvay Kendras' (SSKs). These SSK hubs will serve as Convergence cum Facilitation Centre for Women and Girls. At present, total 500 SSKs have been established by the Department of WCD in Delhi.

Anganwadi Chaya Centres were envisaged to function as creche centres for children of working mothers were as one of the four pillars of SSK . These centres shall function from 9.00 AM to 4.00 PM. The other three pillars are 'Saheli Samvad', 'Samriddhi' and 'Mahila Sahayta Prakosht'.

OBJECTIVES:

- i. To provide day-care facilities for children (6 months to 6 years) of working mothers in the community.
- ii. To improve nutrition and health status of children.
- iii. To promote physical, cognitive, social and emotional development (Holistic Development) of children.
- iv. To educate and empower parents /caregivers for better childcare.

SERVICES:

- i. The scheme will provide an integrated package of the following Services:
- ii. Daycare Facilities including Sleeping Facilities.
- iii. Early Stimulation for children below 3 years and Pre-school Education for 3 to 6 years old children.
- iv. Growth Monitoring.
- v. Health Check-up and Immunization.

TIMINGS:

- i 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (7 Hours)
- ii Existing functionaries in SSKs shall be utilised with roster based timings.

Role of Chhaya Worker (AWW):

- i Monitoring attendance of creche children
- ii Organize age appropriate activities
- iii. Keeping track of child's developmental milestones
- iv. Identifying at-risk or developmentally delayed children

Training of AWWs as creche workers:

- i. A 12 days training programme had provided to AWWs, in collaboration with NGO Mobile Creclies, working in 47 SSKs for imparting skills to them for running creches and providing daycare Services to the beneficiaries.